



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 10

1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900  
Seattle, WA 98101-3140

APR 27 2015

OFFICE OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

The Honorable Dennis V. McGinn  
Assistant Secretary of the Navy  
Energy, Installations and the Environment  
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 4E739  
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Re: RCRA Section 7003 Unilateral Administrative Order, Gorst Creek Landfill, Port Orchard  
Washington

Dear Mr. McGinn:

On February 26, 2015, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notified the United States Department of the Navy of its final decision to make effective a Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO) issued under the authority of Section 7003 of the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regarding the Gorst Creek Landfill in Port Orchard, Washington. In recognition of the Navy's stated interest to work collaboratively with EPA to address the site, the EPA extended the time frame for submission of the first work deliverable, the Site Management Plan required by Paragraph 46 of Section VII, from forty-five (45) calendar days to ninety (90) calendar days from the effective date of the UAO.

Representatives from the Navy, EPA and the Department of Justice met in Port Orchard and Seattle, Washington on March 30 and April 1, 2015, to tour the site and to discuss options for implementation of a response action. A second meeting is currently scheduled for May 5, 2015, in Seattle. On April 20, 2015, EPA received a request from the Department of Justice, on behalf of the Navy, for an additional forty-five (45) calendar day extension for submission of the first work deliverable due under the UAO, in order to provide additional time for the ongoing discussions concerning the response action.

At this time EPA agrees that additional time is necessary to consider the issues currently under discussion and is hereby granting the requested extension. Although EPA is granting this extension, EPA wants to emphasize that granting this extension is premised on the understanding that the parties will work quickly to resolve any outstanding issues at this site. This decision is based on the Navy's demonstrated commitment to address the site and the Department of Justice's continued participation. Accordingly, the EPA is modifying the UAO to make the Site Management Plan required by Paragraph 46 of Section VII due one-hundred and thirty-five (135) calendar days from the effective date of the UAO.

We look forward to working with the Navy to reach a final resolution that ensures a timely response that will protect public health and the environment from the risks posed by the Gorst Creek Landfill. If you

have any questions concerning this letter please contact Alex Fidis of the EPA Region 10 Office of Regional Counsel at (206) 553-4710.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a vertical stroke, positioned above the printed name.

Richard Albright, Director  
Office of Environmental Cleanup

cc (by email):

Richard Mach, U.S. Navy  
Aundrea Taplin, U.S. Navy  
Austin Saylor, Department of Justice  
Erika Zimmerman, Department of Justice